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GREGORY BECKER

April 2, 1952 – March 23, 2016

This edition of *Headwaters* is dedicated to long-time colleague and friend, Greg Becker. Greg worked as Director of Public Relations and later the Director of Graphic Services for the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University from 1989 until his retirement in 2015.

Greg directed the production of several issues of this journal, which occasionally published his photographs.



Greg's passions included photography, music, drawing, painting, theater, and literature, and he especially enjoyed sharing and discussing those passions with others. In 2013, he published a book, *A Light Shining*, as a tribute to the Benedictine Sisters who were his mentors and friends throughout his life.

In turn, Greg paid it forward through mentoring and friendship to a new generation of student workers, international students, and countless other students. Like his mentors did for him, he helped spark, encourage, and nurture the dreams and passions of these students. He was also proud to work with numerous talented colleagues, who came to be wonderful friends.

In 2014, Greg was diagnosed with ALS and faced his illness with courage, grace and dignity. As he did throughout his life, he continued to use the power of laughter to help love shine through even the most challenging situations.